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#### The Poison Gas Ban

The passage of the Root resolution pledging the nations represented at Washington not to use poison gas in military operations rounds out the work done by the conference to discourage aggressive warfare. A limitation has been put on the capital ship, the backbone of an oversea offensive, and on the airplane carrier, the capital ship's most important auxiliary. The use of the submarine as a commerce destroyer has been outlawed. The size and armament of cruisers have been reduced. Now the employment of asphyxiating gases has been banned. The inhuman methods of German warfare have been repeatedly denounced by all the Allied governington shows that so far as these Mr. Wilson's hands by presenting lives are colorless and uneventful. August, 1914, no American army apportunity and a state of the first concrete resolution on that It is with them that the wander in-

of 1899 and 1907, restating the laws tions and the submarine and poison And in doing so it has become a after we became a party to the conprohibition. When in the Second Battle of Ypres the Germans sent were never put on the defensive by the Canadians even the neutral ference. Paris had taught them the which the wooden cars were set afire tated. Our loans should have been That barbarous defiance of the rules of war, following so many other defiances, extinguished the last spark of outside tolerance for Ger- The action of the British govern- heating devices and the employment No money was loaned except to be

many of William II to observe the amination, oath or other formality, ably be better for them to say franklaws of war. Yet this impotency does not prove that every one is en-, ly that they object to the change on extends to the illegal use of any and titled to it or that nobody can be de- the ground of expense than to underevery war weapon. If the laws of prived of it. A person at twenty- take the impossible task of persuadwar are useful (and no one doubts one enters full citizenship because ing the public that the old wooden that they are), then the reaffirma- he has complied with the condition cars are just as safe as steel. tion of the ban on poisonous gases of age and because, in the absence On the other hand, the public must To the Editor of The Tribune. is as useful as any other restriction. of proof to the contrary, he is as understand that if it would have Civilization rests on faith among sumed to have complied with the costly cars it must pay for them. nations. And the signatory powers other conditions, of mental comful enough to make their judgment of loyalty to the national governas to rules of war binding on the ment. In the case of the native, for conscience and practice of nations cause, the rights of citizenship may generally, whether the latter adhere be withheld or withdrawn. formally to the new poison gas and submarine declarations or not.

### Other Life Than Ours?

of our own satellite, being inhabited, indefeasible right. But it is commonly assumed that the other worlds, to be habitable, must be similar to if not identical with our own-that "life" on other planets must be the same as our own in its physical necessities. To animal life as we know it on this earth certain elements-notably oxygen-are necessary. But it is conceivable that somewhere in the universe are forms of life so radically different from strictly man-made institution. ours that they do not need oxygen and the other elements and com-

pounds which our life requires. there is no oxygen on venus there can be no such life as ours. In- yet found it out. The stocking and meal reduces in reality the amount that the tragedy was avoidable. deed, we might say the same, even if the old teapot are much more famil- of time wasted. there were oxygen there, because of iar, and there are no cold and stiff

In France they carry this plan to record" under arrest at the time. Sure
And there, when I have closed the door, head, and a skin like velvet upon which can there still be any doubt that other marked differences in physical formalities connected with the busi- an extreme. From 12 o'clock to 2 ly it is, or at least should be, a mat-

verse, as shown by the spectroscope, beyond the experimental stage in and its revelation of the presence of their participation in business, it on conventional conversation before and its revelation of the presence of their participation in business, it approaching the business of the day, cal oneness as is shown by the obedi- In the direction and management of they utilize the luncheon period to Away with the echoes of old song! Owned by New York Tribune Inc., a New York Tri there is life at all it must be like our life; but the idea can scarcely be said

#### A Contrast

sued at the Paris conference and panding radius of action. Entered at the Postoffice at New York as Second gates at the Washington conference. thoroughly prepared.

out in detail were even the few extent a citizen of the world. which were crudely shaped up "in Seeing the same sights, doing the principle." Corroboration of this same things continuously, powerfully testimony crops out from an unex- promote unrest. The foreign travels pected source—in Mr. Ray Stannard on which a man embarks at the news Regarded as Offset by Her Service And valiant breeze your banner sway. Baker's articles on "America and the Photography is a poor makeshift for To the Editor of The Tribune. ond installment:

basic idea came, as did that of the chugs forth into the country. limitation of armaments, from Amer- Furthermore, the bossing and di- could gain anything through war.

George took control of the discusments. The action taken at Wash- sion of armament limitation out of ural state of mind with those whose that although France was attacked in

The use of poisons or poisoned at Washington. Secretary Hughes weapons, as Mr. Balfour pointed submitted a limitation-of-armament try in the event that demagogues tented citizen but to the whole counternational court, legally, France owes us about \$3,000,000,000, Morally, we out, is already forbidden by the program worked out to last detail. try in the event that demagogues ternational court, legally, France owes law of nations. The Hague treaties W. Post offewed the Chinese would be organize and fatten on it. The au- us about \$3,000,000,000. Morally, we egates were ready in advance for a powerful factor for good. determination of every issue. They trenches held by the French and having to accept the rôle of critics of propositions before the con- local railroad disaster occurred in lesson that preparation pays.

#### Revocable Citizenship

many's military methods. Germany ment in revoking the citizenship of became a pariah and remained one. Sir Edgar Speyer is a reminder to a prominent railroad official declared of steam wellbeing of our manufacture. No money was loaned except to be of steam heat, in response to which a prominent railroad official declared one. Sir Edgar Speyer is a reminder to a prominent railroad official declared one. Since peison gas warfere is an this country of principles which are that he would never consent to the

> tion may be lapsed. Moreover, native in defense of the wooden cars. petence, of obedience to the law and this point as well as the other.

It would be monstrous to revoke citizenship as an act of oppression or of political discrimination. But, on the other hand, when sufficient Observations at the Wilson Ob. cause exists, it is a duty to which servatory, we are told, show no oxy- a nation cannot afford to be recregen or water on the planet Venus, ant. Just as surely as the worthy wherefore "the presence of animal citizen should be secure in his life is precluded." With the results rights, so surely should the unthus obtained by the telescope and worthy citizen be deprived of the the spectroscope we may not quarrel. rights which he has justly forfeited, But biology must be taken into ac- whenever his unworthiness becomes a menace or a detriment to the state. Men have long speculated upon the Americans, it is to be feared, are too possibility of other planets, and even prone to consider citizenship as an

just opened at Cleveland, Ohio, will of mind in which most Americans ing, it is because the American sabe a success or not remains to be used to approach the duty of lunch- loon—that is, the evil genius of the of "Pretty soft!" which will go up the cleverness, and also that she is no competition; it seems more like a depeal to the women who still feel a To-day the tendency is more tobit shy and self-conscious in dealing ward doing business at meals. And with what has hitherto been a this means that even if only pie and

spiring as they once were, and are time away from the office is greater,

our own. It will not do thus to limit their ability to direct and handle a jected as insulting. And although

#### A Key to Contentment

With an automobile a man buys A striking contrast exists between to break the shackles of monotony. the methods which Mr. Wilson pur-

those pursued by the American delegates at the Washington conference.

At Paris the American case was un
If he has been city bound all his despite the appearance of automats, unfeterias and other developments of the original country system. But prepared. At Washington it was vincially contemptuous of the strange people he sees herding cows, pil- the trend toward business lunches Lures thousands in a dull, straight line Mr. Lansing showed in his book ing fodder into siles and guiding is marked, promising peace to the To worship where all fools belong, how completely undigested were the tractors through the fields, but he harried and relief to the snails, who Before a barren, age-old shrine. plans which Mr. Wilson carried to is tremendously interested in them, will no longer have so many whit-Paris and how imperfectly worked nevertheless. He becomes to some

experience. Even with a second hand "I have commented elsewhere upon tures. And the old feeling of disconthe extraordinary efficiency, due to long training, of the British and tent, the sense that he never can be French foreign offices. They always with any thing but a prisoner in a dirty that France could pay us any impor-

icans, the resolution which placed it rection of the car satisfies a deep | The bitter experience of France has before the Council was often the inward craving. A man grows taught her that she must always be product of these experienced diplo- weary of being run. He wants to prepared against sudden attack. The mats. There is, obviously, a great run something himself. And it is Washington conference is not going to advantage in this, as these experi-

#### Demurrers to Progress

Something like forty years ago a

## Eat and Talk Business

does not pay in the long run. It injures the digestion and wastes time. No one can discuss a deal or a policy cease to pollute our nation's life. while bolting a cup of coffee and a "hunch" a horse to win a race.

"Will you walk a little faster," Said the Whiting to the Snail; 'There's a porpoise right behind me.

And he's treading on my tail." sandwich grabbing is hardly conducive to the most enlightened Whether the all-women's bank thought. And yet this is the frame

coffee form the lunch it is eaten a Banks are not nearly so awe-in- little more leisurely, and while the To the Editor of The Tribune.

that no life is possible save such as of banks. It will also demonstrate fore luncheon would have been re- New York, Jan. 6, 1922.

financial institution from the ground | the French waste more time about | The physical oneness of the uni- up, for although women have gone the formalities than we do, gener-

lunch is encouraging. It makes for A tonat then to the muses nine a good digestion and adds a cer- And let the dullards stop to pay. to be established—probably never for himself and family the use and enjoyment of the woods, the lakes, that is missing in the formality of the streams and the countryside for the office. Interruptions are fewer, what matter if we're right or wrong. many miles around. He is enabled the sense of trespassing on time is Or if the two should intertwine. absent, and the feeling of communion | We'll mock the gods, for we are strong,

It is rash to predict that the days There is no beauty for the swine oanding radius of action.

It is rash to predict that the days

Of the lunch counter are numbered,

Lift up on high your careless stein, the original counter system. But Time's muffled bell, a rusty gong. ings complaining to them about the Philistines and their ilk may pray, porpoises treading on their tails.

#### The Loan to France

in the Common Cause

Sir: Representative Reavis's idea car he can make first hand adven- that France might as well pay her Dear, dear! How inventions do like preparation seems to be based fillable whisky bottle has become. had a plan ready; and even if the little town, departs as his motor tant sum of money, and, second, that France could wish to go to war or

enced negotiators well knew, for a plan tends to shape the views of every one present and place other of stubbornness, will obey his will.

The contribution to the joy of the state of the respectively. The contribution to the joy of the state of the respectively. conferees in the position of critics." The contribution to the joy of has become rightfully French. And Mr. Baker was speaking of the living is perhaps the most valuable the Germans will continue to outnumagility and success with which Lloyd for humanity. Discontent is a natfor humanity. Discontent is a natgovernments can avert their influ-the first concrete resolution on that stinct is always the strongest. Discontent, left to stew and ferment, is to advise France as to what she needs

> flict. We were not ready to fight, and so we helped those who were lighting. The war had become our war as well blood that was being poured out, nor by the overturning of the coal stoves considered contributions for the gen-

upon it. This was, perhaps, all the but as a privilege and only in considsteam. He was quite serious and shipped to the United States and sold the culture of Pompton, N. J., would horny-handed. One doesn't issue from "Golden Days," "The Wandering Jew," ary authorities outside Germany tenance of certain conditions. If an Of like character to that opposi- in such case our Congresumen would

compact or employed by belligerents right. The mere fact that it is auto- larly when they are not overpros- will fetch. The moral question, howsuffering of France in the cause which pre-graduate course with her.

J. HOWARD COWPERTHWAIT. New York, Jan. 7, 1922.

# The Saloon's Persistence

Sir: Your correspondent "Anti-Proof loose thinking there is on the liquor Should that tribute make me bother? question. I write as one among thousands who are not in sympathy with Should I seek relief in cusses, the present liquor legislation, but I Wishing deepest infamy The lunch hour is gradually com- am in warm sympathy with the pur- On those favored more than me? ing into its own. Busy men are real- pose to put the saloon permanently izing that the quick lunch system out of business. The public saloon is the crux of all our liquor troubles. Much water will go over the dam before the dire results of its record

I hold no brief for social, convivial, sandwich at top speed. It is difficult drinking of liquor in the homes of the to talk business while some one American people; but such drinking stands behind you resenting your would never have created the sentievery mouthful and silently "hunch- ment that put the Eighteenth Amending" you to hurry, just as men will ment into the Constitution and passed the Volstead act. It was the American saloon and the liquor interests be-

The Eighteenth Amendment will re-This applied to the process of stand after the saloon is truly dead, along. If "Anti-Prohibition" saw no drunken man in Quebec during his three-day men "on his way home" in one even-

PHILIP ALTER. Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., Jan. 6, 1922.

#### Search Criminals for Weapons

Sir: On reading in your issue of daily becoming more human, but the fact that a piece of business has detectives Miller and Buckley, one canto-day the account of the murder of If there is no oxygen on Venus there are many women who have not been calmly thrashed out over the not but be struck by the impression It shines, a ruddy cheerful star,

The murderer was a man "with a

# The Tower

Our drift toward the business We'll crush fresh vintage from the vine.

And love shall be our anodyne.

For life is love, and love is fine. Let's laugh our golden youth away.

Prince Pleasure, may your beacon shine Then when the Great God gives the sign, Let's laugh our life in hell away.

spread. Look how prevalent the unce-

To say nothing, according to gloomy statistics from Bellevue, of the unrecoverable-from souse.

Despite the parched condition of this Land of the Free, there is some encouragement to believers in personal liberty in the fact that the head of the goddess . on the new peace dollar boasts a flourishing crop of perfectos and panutellas.

We hereby pledge the coin that has come into our possession as part of our first installment on a Liberty bond of the 1942 issue, or thereabouts

A return to pre-Jeffersonian simplicity is seen by Leo in the following proclamation on the bulletin board of a cer-

REMOVE HATS AND OTHER CLOTHING BEFORE RING-ING TIME CLOCK

Office rules require hats and other clothing be removed before ringing the clock. See that this reasonable regulation is complied with without

Mr. J. Throckmorton Cush doesn't see as France's war, but it was not our times are hard. Mr. Cush has been able to cut salaries 20 per cent in his busi- January contents. A rendable and in- Hecht, Harry Hansen or young Gene was it our land that was being devasoverhead than formerly.

justified or a popular line of humor."

abborrent and forbidden thing, it often overlooked and even injudi- introduction of a heating system france, and she has none to send to us. ard one of the pillars of modern Jersey neighbor's face, according to Charles "Broadway"—Interesting dramatic civillation. It has always been one to send to us. should restate the condemnation One is that naturalization is cause every passenger in a car to be overburdened people and use French opinion that without the services of which civilized nations have put granted not as an inalienable right, scalded to death with escaping money in the purchase of goods to be Miss Sarah Friend at the switchboard.

that now and cannot become that citizenship, in its fullest functions, is It is easy to understand the reluctions of foreign goods, in time of Susquehanna & Western depot really until it is legalized by international not an invariable and inalienable tance of traction companies, particuunder a tacit consent. It is true matically entered into by the great perous, to send to scrap wooden cars ever, ought to be sufficient for Ameri. the village two hours ago. She'll even what's become of the boy you sent to that the conference powers cannot majority of persons on attaining the and to replace them with steel cars and to replace them with steel us is fairly offset by the service and and Riverside operators might take a

We'd take off our hat to M. S., workingman." Weinic, H. E. V. S., and H. W. G. if our present headpieco were only respectable and new enough to make such a salute courteous.

Should I, if her gaze be ecornful, hibition" in The Tribune of January 5 Mope about with visage mournful? If the smiles upon another, "No" is proper answer to All these queries but I do.

Now that His Honor has insisted that and yeggmen arrested henceforth.

main, but the Volstead law will not hard to refrain from passing the word composition,

The last lap of our daily labor is alstay in that city and saw three drunken ways additionally hard because of the

> At 4:80 P. M. The wintry skies are dour and grey And bitter is the wind that blows Across the bleak and frozen way Where bleach the bones of ancient snows And through the realm of dusk, afar, I know the firelight bids me come. To guide this weary sailor home.

other marked differences in physical conditions between that planet and our own. But that is all that it is safe to say. We cannot say that there is and can be no life of any there is and can be no life of any toward removing women's distrust the reception of proposals that be-

#### IF THE CONFERENCE HAD DONE NOTHING MORE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTH WHILE



# Books

Mr. Farrar, editor of "The Book- feet as she takes a constitutional in man," suggests that readers of The Jackson Park." Tribune who are not familiar with his Miss Ferber, when seeking "copy" magazine might be interested this in Chicago, will dance in the lowest morning in a compendium of its dives with Carl Sandburg, Ben formative volume is this mid-winter Markey; and the next evening "she number of "The Bookman," providing will be at the smartest dinner, talking with which they were heated, and eral cause instead of loans, but of "Knocking the telephone service." an ample hour with New York's "bril- brilliantly to these same men." In some lives were lost. A demand course there was no time to think of P. H. Thomson rebukes, "is no longer liant wits and musing sages," as they New York Miss Ferber's eronies are talk of the penmen and their pro- Franklin P. Adams, William Gillette. ductions. Among its contributions are Rutger Jewett. Albert A. Beyden,

R. Walker jr. Mr. Walker spent two criticism by Kenneth Andrews, who twelve hours' steel making to retire to "The Madras House" and "The Perhave been led to argue that poison applicant violates or fails to maintain applicant v two who knew their way about Dumas "The Editor Recommends"-Literaand the translations of Gilbert Murray. The author is not distressed by includes "Ghitza and Other Romances labor's neglect of what is known as of Gypsy Blood," "The Secret of the the "printed page," and his discourse is genial. He is the sort of person, zie's "Rich Relatives," Keith Preston's says the editor of "The Bookman,"
"who can chant Swinburne to you under a green-shaded lamp, and can Don Marquis's "Noah an' Jonah an' How altered conditions today.

Cap'n John Smith."

How altered conditions today.

When saloonkeepers flourish

"Caruso and the Newspaper Man"-Remarks and anecdotes by Grenville ton Fuessle's "Gold Shod" and other who laughed that he might not weep." W. Service and Edgar A. Guest. Among the melancholy incidents cited by Mr. Vernon is Caruso's quiet but NEW YORK, Jan. 4. Dear Sir: Does doctors in his last illness.

hold-ups and burglaries must cease, we night, after recording the splendors of sage from his book which seems to me hope that an additional charge of trea- a Veiled Prophets' ball (in rented eve- at least even more virulent, violent. son will be brought against all bandits ning clothes), he was assigned to cover verbose and vicious than the reverend Shortsighted is the column builder story, and later, in his dark garret, he tory and amenity. Are your remarks who takes a supercilious attitude toward meditated, on "life and its accidents, to be taken in a Pickwickian sense? labor. But when the Trade Union Edu- tangles and miseries" as indicated by Or did my modest New Year's Eve incational League announces that an ad- the tragedy; and its "gauds and dulgence in a few specimens of Volhind it that brought about the present dress will be delivered at Webster Hall glories," as illustrated by the ball, stead's Folly leave me permanently by William Z. Foster, "The Great Leader The memoirs are earnest and naive, non compos mentis? of the Steal Strike," it is terrifically and not without eccentric errors in "Edna Ferber"-An animated story

and study of Miss Ferber and an To the Editor of The Tribune. admirable criticism of her fiction by Sir: I hear from many friends of distraction we cause ourself by trying thinks (as others do), proves that she facturing business of German competi-Miss Ferber loves humanity in her dition in our industrial life. she is reliable in her dealings with editors; she motors through the rates (due to high cort.) cream has been poured." Every day Germany is deliberately destroying her before breakfast, when she is living in ability to pay for her transgressions, New York, she walks around the reser- and will use all her powers to destroy voir in Central Park (like the dis- others at the same time, hoping that that aid and called on his country traught heroes of the story book) to in a mood of despair the business to take up the burden as a duty freshen her brain and to think. In world will cry out for the elimination tailed by the wealth and power a Chicago "it is the shore of Lake Michi- of reparations? gan that feels the patter of her rapid | New York, Jan. 7, 1922.

Julian Street, Charles Hanson Towne, "What the Worker Reads." He reads Alexander Woollcott and "many oth- The brewery'd foreclosed on he nothing much besides his pay check ers who make New York the saining

ing essays by Burton Rascoe on New-Vernon, disclosing some details of the volumes; Sidney Williams on "A Maggreat singer's real nature. "Despite nincent Farce" by A. Edward Newton, his practical jokes, his antics, and his and Louis Untermeyer on "Our Living buffoonery, both on and off the stage, Laureates,"-a judicious and entertain-Caruso remained like Canio, the man ing decision of the works of Robert

passionate resentment against the a reviewer ever explain? If so, will large fees (\$65,000) charged by his you kindly bring relief to a suffering intellect by elucidating your remarks. "Out of My Newspaper Days"- in The Tribune about Thomas Dixon, Theodore Dreiser tells of his early whom you extol as impartial, unprejuexperiences as a reporter in St. Louis. diced, sober, courteous and amiable They were so kaleidoscopic that one supporting your contention by a pasa quadruple murder in a shabby gentleman has permitted himself to be suburb. He wept while writing that in his previous outbreaks against his-ASHTON H. SARTWELL

#### Germany's Underselling

an anonymous critic. "The Girls," he the disastrous results to their manulonger under the influence of O. Henry. liberate attempt to create a chaotic con-

editors; she motors through the rates (due to high cost of coal, wages, crowded thoroughfares "with ease and etc.) are also much too high, but when grace" and she loves to cook. A magazine editor who called on har one at zine editor who called on her once to from 50 per cent to 75 per cent under with brown eyes that glowed like live about one-eighth of our present mus' to the question "Shall we proceed, an abundance of black hair values, it does not look like him to the question "Shall we proceed to the process of the proc

More Truth Than Poetry By James J. Montague

Then and Now

You doubtless remember the tale Of the night, which, though wintry and wild, Yet was pierced by the heart-rending wail Of the helpless saloonkeeper's

She sat in her lowly thatched cot.

child.

On a cheap little, mean little street; Distressing indeed was her lot, For she had but a dry crust to

thriftless old dad And the crust—a quite small or —was all that she had.

She knew if for aid she applied What the pitiless neighbor would say. And so she just sat there and

Or to crave, say a pie, as a boon. And to hear it remorselessly side

Which cheered her a bit-it

"Your father-he keeps ! So ate up her crust in a gle brief bite.

And vainly sought sleep for the st of the night.

And the bootlegger drops in to That he's got a nice case of 'pre-war" "Two hundred a case for fivestar. He snarls in a hard, rasping

voice;
"I've promised my daughter a car
And I think she prefers a Rolls Royce. You pay it perhaps—and buy six quarts of water. But you never will weep for the bootlegger's daughter!

Following the Style The Volstead Law is also accepted

Like Our Early Settlers Great Britain is beginning t think that the only good Indian ! one whose earthly career has been

Always Ingenious Henry Ford is going the besting swords into plowshares one better.

He is beating guncotton into fir-

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Roosevelt and France To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The editorial in to-day's is "The Lost Leader" and the reprint the "Long, Long Trail" are needed " minders at this particular time. It ersential out of the seemingly as

will result in our active intervention

he would have advised."

Would he not have visioned the sign plification of world problems the would be achieved by our promise Providence had showered upon the Erie, Pa., Jan. 6, 1922.